

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm. Selectmen present were Janet Smith, Wes Moore, and James McIlroy. Others present were Fran Lane and Corinne Brown.

Fran and Corinne reviewed the status of the Piscassic Greenway purchase with the Selectmen.

Elliot L. Alexander's appointment to the Planning Board was signed.

The invoice from Lane Law Offices was reviewed and forwarded to the Conservation Commission.

The letter to Plodzik & Sanderson regarding the recent audit was signed by the Selectmen.

Checks were signed.

The Timber Tax Levy and two Yield Tax Assessments were signed.

The letter regarding the Alarm Ordinance was reviewed. Minor changes were made and it will be mailed to all property owners with alarm systems installed.

Thank you letters were received and read from Richie McFarland Children's Center and Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc. for the Town's donations to each.

The Department of Revenue Administration's Assessment Ratio was reviewed.

The GCS-25: Reportable Condition report from the Auditors was reviewed. The Selectmen will ask the Library Trustees to come to a Selectmen's Meeting to discuss the situation and ways to improve the accounting procedures.

Clean up day on April 29th was discussed. The bins were ordered from Bestway Disposal and will be set up on site in accordance with the Road Agent's diagram.

Janet advised that Reuben Hull is still waiting to hear from the State DES with regards to the water problem on Piscassic Road.

Janet attended the last Planning Board meeting and reports that Newfields was not chosen for the Design Charrette. The grant money for sidewalks was not approved by the State either.

Three properties which are becoming part of the Piscassic Greenway could not be put into current use because the passing of papers was delayed past the filing date for current use. The Rockingham Land Trust asked if the Selectmen could/would abate the taxes because of the delay. Janet advised that Selectmen that they could accept a late application for current use and then collect the Current Use Tax rather than abate the taxes entirely. This option was agreeable to all of the Selectmen.

The ADS bookkeeping system is not up and running at this time. Janet spoke with Jim Marshall of ADS who suggested that the town auditor meet with ADS and Janet and Nancy to finalize the chart of accounts. Nancy is waiting to hear from the town auditor as to whether or not he is agreeable to participate.

Janet advised that the State of New Hampshire did agree to pay the Town of Newfields funds to pave Railroad Avenue properly. The Town should receive approximately \$14,000. for this project and the Road Agent will make arrangements to have the work done.

A notice in the Exeter Newsletter was read regarding the water pipes being flushed in Newfields between 5:00 and 10:00 pm on Monday through Thursday during the month of May. This will be posted on the website and in the Town Office.

Wes made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2006 meeting. Janet seconded the motion and it was approved by both. James abstained from the voting because he did not attend the April 18th meeting.

Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm. It was seconded by Janet and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer